

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-4, 6, 8, 9 and 11-15 as indicated below.

1. (Currently amended) A method, comprising:

assembling files for an application;

compiling the files into an application on an administration server, wherein the ~~domain~~ administration server is coupled to a central application repository;

storing the application in the central application repository;

after successfully compiling the application on the administration server,
deploying the application from the central application repository onto a plurality of servers in a cluster of servers; and

starting the application on the plurality of servers.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

storing a different version of the application in the central application repository;

deploying the different version of the application from the central application repository onto a plurality of servers in the cluster of servers, wherein the application and the different version of the application [[may]] simultaneously execute on different servers in the cluster of servers; and

starting ~~[[the]]~~ an older version of the application on ~~a the second~~ subset of servers such that the older version and a current version of the application simultaneously execute on different servers in the cluster of servers.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said assembling comprises assembling the files ~~comprise a Java Archive~~ into a single archive file.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said files comprise a set of source code and related resource files for the application, the method further comprising validating that said compiling the files into the application has been performed without errors, wherein said validating is performed prior to performing after ~~compiling the set of source code and related resource files, wherein validating the application comprises ensuring that said deploying and said starting have a high chance of success~~ the application to any of the plurality of servers in the cluster.

5. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein deploying the different version of the application comprises:

stopping an instance of the application on a server;

loading the different version of the application on the server;

associating the instance of the application with the different version of the application on the server;

starting the instance of the different version of the application on the server.

6. (Currently amended) A system comprising:

files for an application;

a plurality of servers in a cluster of servers;

an administration server connected to the cluster of servers, wherein the administration server ~~[[in]]~~ for the cluster of servers is operable to;

compile the files into an application; ~~and wherein the administration server is operable to deploy the application onto a plurality of servers in the cluster of servers;~~

store the application in a central application repository connected to the a ~~domain~~ administration server operable to store the application; and

after successfully compiling the application on the administration server,
deploy the application from the central application repository onto
[[a]] the plurality of servers in the cluster;

wherein the plurality of servers are operable to start the application.

7. (Original) The system of claim 6,

wherein the central application repository is operable to store a different version of the application;

wherein the administration server is operable to deploy the different version of the application onto a plurality of servers in the cluster of servers; and

wherein the plurality of servers are operable to simultaneously execute the application and the different version of the application.

8. (Currently amended) The system of claim 6, wherein the files ~~comprise a Java Archive~~ are assembled in a single archive file.

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein said files comprise a set of source code and related resource files for the application, and wherein the administration server is further operable to validate that the application has been compiled without errors prior to the application being deployed to any of the plurality of servers in the cluster ~~after compiling the set of source code and related resource files, wherein said validating the application comprises ensuring that said deploying and said starting have a high chance of success.~~

10. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the administration server is further operable to:

stop an instance of the application on a server;

load the different version of the application on the server;

associate the instance of the application with the different version of the application on the server;

start the instance of the different version of the application on the server.

11. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage ~~accessible~~ medium ~~operable to store~~ storing program instructions ~~for computer-executable to implement~~ a method comprising:

assembling files for an application;

compiling the files into an application on an administration server, wherein the ~~domain~~ administration server is coupled to a central application repository;

storing the application in the central application repository;

after successfully compiling the application on the administration server,
deploying the application from the central application repository onto a
plurality of servers in a cluster of servers; and

starting the application on the plurality of servers.

12. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage accessible medium of claim 11, ~~further comprising~~ wherein the method further comprises:

storing a different version of the application in the central application repository;

deploying the different version of the application onto a plurality of servers in the
cluster of servers, wherein the application and the different version of the
application ~~[[may]]~~ simultaneously execute on different servers in the
cluster of servers; and

starting ~~[[the]]~~ an older version of the application on ~~a the second~~ subset of
servers such that the older version and a current version of the application
simultaneously execute on different servers in the cluster of servers.

13. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage accessible medium of claim 11, wherein said assembling comprises assembling the files ~~comprise a Java Archive~~ into a single archive file.

14. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage accessible medium of claim 11, ~~further comprising~~ wherein said files comprise a set of source code and related resource files for the application, and wherein the method further comprises validating that said compiling the files into the application has been performed without errors, wherein said validating is performed prior to performing ~~after compiling the set of source~~

~~code and related resource files, wherein validating the application comprises ensuring that said deploying and said starting have a high chance of success~~ the application to any of the plurality of servers in the cluster.

15. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage ~~accessible~~ medium of claim 12, wherein deploying the different version of the application comprises:

stopping an instance of the application on a server;

loading the different version of the application on the server;

associating the instance of the application with the different version of the application on the server;

starting the instance of the different version of the application on the server.